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First Sunday in Lent

Welcome in Jesus' name.

We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude/Procession/Bell

Welcome and Announcements

***Confession and Forgiveness:**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.

C: Amen.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Holy God,

C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free. We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.

We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.

For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. Amen.

L: Here is a flood of grace: Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us, breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs, and restores the promise of life through ☩ Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Hymn: "All Are Welcome"**

ELW #641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **Refrain:**

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain:**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain:**

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain:**

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***Apostolic Greeting:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie:

ELW Setting 4, page 147

***The Prayer of the Day:**

Holy God, heavenly Father, **in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Baptism at Big Grove

ELW #227

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm Reading:

Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

L: Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C: You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

L: You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C: All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.

Scripture Reading:

1 Peter 3:18-22

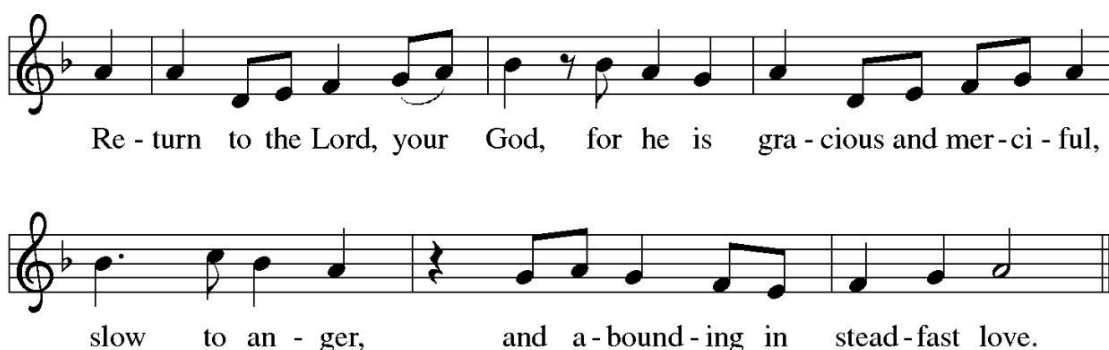
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Children's Sermon

***Gospel Acclamation:** "Return to the Lord" Setting 4, pg. 151



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*Holy Gospel:

Mark 1:9-15

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

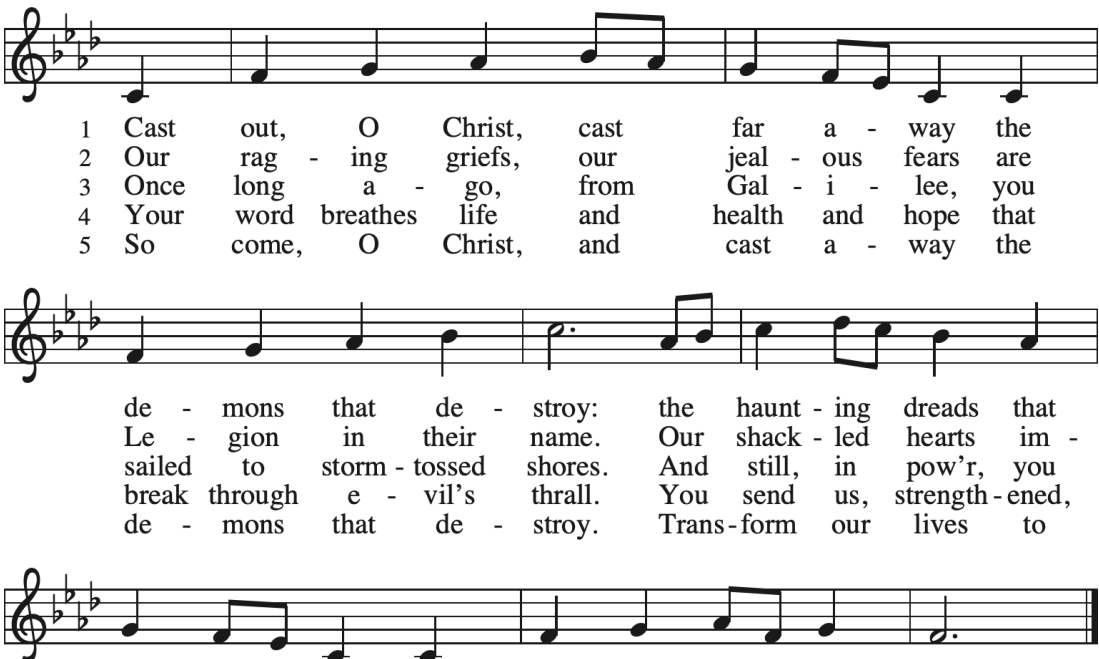
*Hymn:

“Cast Out, O Christ”

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Cast Out, O Christ



1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the

2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are

3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you

4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that

5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that

Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -

sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you

break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,

de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.

plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.

brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.

home in peace to live your gos - pel call.

sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

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Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816
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*Apostles' Creed:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the People: (Sing throughout prayers as directed)**

O God, We Call

The musical score for 'O God, We Call' is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a homophonic style. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn, from deep in - side we yearn for you.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final long note on 'you.' indicating a sustained sound.

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***Peace:**
L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**
Offering

***Offertory Prayer:**
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer:**
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***Benediction:**
Beloved, we are God’s own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” ELW #325

1 I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

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***Dismissal:**

L: Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **C: Thanks be to God.**